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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time for a period of two (2) month(s) to respond to the Official Action dated 02 July 2002. This petition is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response in this application, which has expired or will expire on 02 October 2002, is accordingly requested to be extended to 02 December 2002.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a) in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. **21-0718**. Applicant has calculated these fees to be **\$400**, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such greater or lesser amount as required by rule. Triplicate copies of this paper are provided to facilitate the charge to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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